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TAGS: SREF, VS, KS, MY

SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: SEOUL 3178 (NOTAL)

1. PRESS REPORTED MORNING OF MAY 5 THAT FOUR FISHING BOATS WITH 232 SVN REFUGEES ABOARD LEFT THE MALAYSIAN PORT OF KELANTAN, PAHANG, MORNING OF MAY 4. ACCORDING TO PRESS, THEY LEFT FOR SINGAPORE ON ROUTE TO GUAM AND "IT WAS BELIEVED" THEY WOULD SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE US EMBASSY IN SINGAPORE. THE BOATS WHICH REPORTEDLY ARRIVED MAY 3 HAD ABOUT 40 WOMEN AND 132 CHILDREN ON BOARD. THE DIRECTOR OF THE KELANTAN GENERAL HOSPITAL WAS QUOTED AS STATING HE HAD BOARDED THE BOATS AND TREATED REFUGEES FOR COLDS AND FEVERS. "SOME OF THE CHILDREN WERE SAID TO BE SERIOUSLY ILL" (FYI, ABOVE TELEPHONED EMBASSY SINGAPORE OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 5).

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2. PRESS ALSO REPORTS 16 MEN BELIEVED TO BE SVN REFUGEES ARRIVED IN TUMPAT, KELANTAN, ON A FISHING BOAT MAY 3. REFUGEES REPORTEDLY UNDER CUSTODY OF TUMPAT POLICE STATION AND POLICE REFUSING COMMENT.

3. FOR EMBASSY SEOUL: IT SEEMS CLEAR FROM ABOVE, THAT GOM WILL NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR 200 SVN REFUGEES ON SAM YANG SHIP "TWIN DRAGON". (FYI, WE UNDERSTAND FROM EMBASSY SINGAPORE THAT THERE ARE ALREADY OVER 3,000 REFUGEES ON 25 VESSELS WAITING OFF-SHORE SINGAPORE.)
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